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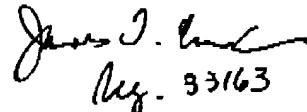
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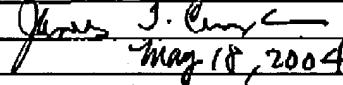
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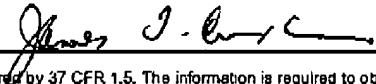
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First Named Inventor	CORLEY
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In re the application of:

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Docket No.: 2188.1

Serial Number: 10/707,849

Examiner:

Filed: 01/16/2004

Group Art Unit: 3651

FOR: MODULAR CONVEYOR BELTS WITH SPLIT BELT MODULES

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PETITION TO DIRECTOR OF EXAMINING GROUP 3651 FOR CORRECTION OF
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Sir:

Please direct this petition to the Director of Examining Group 3651. This petition responds to the Response to Request for Corrected Filing Receipt mailed May 12, 2004.

This application is a divisional of US Application No. 09/992,765, 11/06/2001, now US Patent 6,681,922. Applicants petition the Director to delete the following two inventors, who signed the declaration in the parent application, because the inventions of these two inventors are not being claimed in this divisional application:

Ryan M. Jones, Slidell, LA

Angela L. Marshall, Harahan, LA

Applicants further petition the Director to list the remaining three applicants in this order:

David C. Weiser, River Ridge, LA

Kyle J. Sedlacek, New Orleans, LA

Andrew A. Corley, Harahan, LA

A copy of the filing receipt with corrections is attached for convenience. Also attached is a copy of the electronically filed Application Data Sheet listing the three applicants in the above order. Please note that the Application Data Sheet filed electronically contains an error in the middle initial of applicant Corley. His middle initial is "A," as correctly indicated on the filing receipt.

Authorization to charge the petition fee of \$130 under 37 CFR 1.17(i) to Deposit Account 12-0090 is given.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew A. Corley et al.

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Title**MODULAR CONVEYOR BELTS WITH SPLIT BELT MODULES****Preliminary Class**

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